

International Workshop – Call for Applications



“Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Urban Development Planning for Asian Coastal Cities”

Co-organized by SEA-START and The East-West Center and sponsored by APN

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Bangkok, Thailand

Severe flooding regularly devastates the coastal regions of Asia’s mega-deltas, particularly when high tides are combined with storm surges and high river flows. Large coastal cities are particularly at risk from rising sea levels, storms and storm surges, heat stress and other aspects of climate change. Continued urban growth in low-lying coastal zones increases the likelihood of substantial loss of life and infrastructure.

Workshop objectives include:

- 1) The development of capacity on the part of urban planners, managers, and researchers in climate change risk and vulnerability assessment and its application to urban development planning and governance.
- 2) The promotion of locally led risk and vulnerability research in Asian coastal cities that is linked to user needs.
- 3) The development of partnerships between researchers, planners, and policy makers that encourage “communities of knowledge” for vulnerability assessment in each participating city.

Topics to be addressed in the workshop include:

- 1) Analysis of risks of coastal floods
- 2) Analysis of socio-economic vulnerability to flooding and vulnerability mapping
- 3) Risk and vulnerability communication and visualization
- 4) Integration of risk vulnerability analysis with urban planning, development and governance

The workshop agenda will include lectures, group discussions, participant reports and hands-on practical exercises. Applicants should note that workshop participants will be expected to prepare city reports.

Application Process:

Workshop participation is open to researchers, urban planners and managers, practitioners, professionals and policymakers interested in and working on topics related to the workshop topics.

While applications from individuals will be accepted, preference will be given to applications from city-specific teams that consist of at least one researcher and one practitioner/professional from planning, development and/or environmental agencies. Early to mid-career applicants are particularly encouraged to apply.

Interested applicants should submit the following materials to the Southeast Asia START Regional Center (SEA-START) **no later than 1 March 2010**:

- A curriculum vitae for each applicant
- A written letter of interest describing the relevance of the workshop to the applicant/team's academic or professional work and expected benefits of participation

All materials should be submitted in English. Materials should be submitted by email to car2@start.or.th.

Please note that applications received after 1 March 2010 will not be considered. Successful applicants can expect to be notified of their selection for participation by the end of April 2010.

Travel Support:

Those applicants selected to participate in the workshop will receive travel support and per diem subsistence for the duration of the workshop. Support is provided by APN.

Additional Information:

For more information about the workshop and/or this call for applications, please contact car2@start.or.th

